

THE HERALD.

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Competitive Fairs.

It is no longer a mooted question but an admitted fact that competitive fairs act as a stimulant to improve the production and manufacture of better articles and larger yields in agricultural and mechanical pursuits. Ohio county has long had a variety of this kind, which was reorganized last year, and the fair held last fall was so well patronized that it made several hundred dollars over and above expenses. At this fair first premiums were offered on corn, aggregating \$2, and three premiums were offered on tobacco, aggregating \$15. The entrance fee was fifteen per cent. of the premium, which was divided into first and second premiums, which were paid in currency though frequently the premiums have been paid in plate. The larger and more liberal premiums were paid out on fat horses, blooded stock, etc., of which the masses of our farmers are not possessed. In our premiums offered to subscribers of the HERALD, we acted a little differently. In the first place, we charged no entrance fee—we gave you a paper worth \$2 for \$1.50, and if you accepted and paid up in time you could enter as many samples as you pleased free of charge. Secondly, we offered the premiums on your two great staple crops—corn and tobacco—one or both of which every farmer in Ohio and adjoining counties is supposed to have. Thirdly, we did not pay our premiums in depreciated currency, but in gold, the most valuable money in the market. In making this comparison, we do not wish to be understood as being opposed to your patronage of the County Fairs—far from it. We do, however, think that these fairs should offer more liberal premiums upon what the masses of the farmers usually produce, and also make the entrance fee less. But here is what we want to know, are you not going to sustain us in our enterprise as well or better than you do your county fairs.

For the privilege of competing for all our premiums in the County Fair (to be paid in currency, not gold) you would have been charged \$15.75, and for the smallest two of them singly, \$1.50 which would have paid for the HERALD a year and permitted you to compete for all of ours.

Now, have we not acted liberal in the matter? Will you not sustain us? It looks reasonable to suppose that you would, yet, two years in succession we have given these premiums, and there are over 1,500 farmers living in and on the border of Ohio county alone, that are not subscribers to the paper. If you do not help us we cannot help you, and to speak plain, we will shut up shop, unless more liberally patronized. We must receive evidences of that kind very soon, or we will seek other fields. We are not jesting, but in dead earnest.

We are not disposed to argue the great financial question, for the simple reason that it has been so fully, completely and satisfactorily discussed to the American people by the ablest statesmen and talented periodicals of the country, that no additional light can be given nor arguments used to form public opinion. We could add nothing new if we were ever so disposed, and we would not if we could impose upon the intelligence of our readers by a substitution of the already adduced arguments of others; for, with those arguments, and historical facts in relation to money, we are acquainted, or will be, for the reasoning and conclusions of the eminently gifted Voorhees and Ewing have exhausted the subject, and throughout the length and breadth of the land they will be published, accepted and adopted by the people as conclusive. This subject is now attracting the attention of Congress, and the action taken and developments made give promise of the success and triumph of the silver policy, and the final successful adoption of the greenback as a measure of necessity as well as convenience. Upon this question the West and South are united, and the recent course of Lamar and Hill have met the reproach they deserved from Georgia and Mississippi by their indignant censures. Money of the East cannot buy the South. Think of Judas and the thirty pieces of silver.

Justice does not always sleep, for as there is a God, so his administrative arm of justice would overtake the wicked in their seemingly secure career and smite them as the angel did the money-grasping heart of Ananias, who in his vanity dared to purchase the gifts of the Holy Spirit with money. John Sherman and his allies are not content with the immense wrongs they have inflicted upon the American people during the war and since, but they now hold up the glittering gold to purchase that which their dishonest strategy fails them longer to accomplish as a bribe to place the treasure of the nation into the hands of the bondholder and monopolists of wealth; fortunately, out of his own mouth, when he was an honest man, he condemns himself, and only proves that he was bought with gold to rob the American people out of

six hundred and twenty-six million dollars in the interest of the bondholder. His end, as his measures are at hand, and the avenging angel is overtaking the wicked.

The greatest nonsense and stupid error in which some people fall, is that low prices and cheap labor is the better condition for a nation. This is a one-sided theory and suits only the independent whose wealth is fostered and who live on the toil of others. Plenty of money, fair prices for all you use and consume, and remunerative wages is the true theory of thrift and prosperity to the great masses. Plenty of greenbacks of national issue, made by law equal with gold or silver, will bring good prices to the farmer, mechanic and laborer. Stimulate enterprise, open up the channels of trade, and make all alike prosperous, for this end the nation is in a thrice and will bring forth the desire in its fullness.

Guilt.
The jury in the case against Anderson, one of the returning Board manipulators in Louisville, brought in their verdict as follows:
"NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 7, 1878.—We find Thomas C. Anderson guilty, and recommend him to the mercy of the court."

"W. P. CONVERSE, Foreman of Jury."
The prisoner was remanded to jail and the jury discharged. Wonder if Wells is not feeling a little ticklish by this time.

Heavy Estimate.
W. L. Weller & son, wholesale liquor merchants, Louisville, this petition in bankruptcy last week. Liabilities \$155,000; assets \$75,000. The Murphy movement keeps on and will clean up all these wholesale liquor firms.

Some of the citizens of Owensboro are insisting that the election of Police Judge and Town Marshal in April will not be legal. Correct, Hartford found himself in a similar fix last summer, by electing her Judge and Marshal, on Saturday before the August election. They had to resign and be appointed.

Strange Pretext.
We learn from the Echo, that John Miller, Jailor of Muhlenberg county, was imprisoned in a dream with the idea that his prisoners were attempting to escape. He, on awaking examined and found them in possession of some knives and fish which they had been preparing to saw out with. He is the kind of Jailor to have.

Forgery in High Life.
Alderman Henry S. Moss, and member of the firm of Moss & Sample, has been implicated in forging to the amount of near \$50,000. He had formerly borne a good character. He was born and reared in Glasgow, Ky., and stood very high in the estimation of the people there. He is quite ill, and it is thought that his recovery is doubtful.

We have seen a good many supplements, but the Owensboro Examiner got out the best one last week that we have ever yet seen. We begin to have fears that the institution will not survive long under such extravagance. The huge supplement referred to is six by nine f— inches in size. City papers can afford such a luxury, probably, but we rural rustics can't come it.

The Kentucky House, by a decided vote, last week passed an act reviving that relic of barbarity known as the "whipping post." We sincerely hope the Senate will not do likewise. It was almost a dead letter when it disagreed our Statute books. Not one in ten ever convicted under it were punished as the law intended, and would not be again. It is useless to enact laws so much at variance with public opinion, for they are never enforced. The idea of a "whipping post" is now revolting to the masses of the more enlightened people of Kentucky.

The rule forbidding the sale of spirituous, vinous and malt liquors in the Capital, is being rigidly enforced by Vice-President Wheeler and Speaker Randall. It is very commendable in these officers to exert themselves a little to prevent our National Capital assuming the appearance of a huge liquor saloon, as we are informed, it once did.

Congressional Contest.
The committee having in charge the contested election case of Acklen vs. Darrell from the Third District, Louisiana, have, by a vote of eleven to nine, agreed that Acklen, Democrat, is entitled to the seat now filled by Darrell, Republican, who was counted in by that infamous Returning Board, Congress is almost certain to adopt the report.

Judge Biggs' bill to tax the shares held by stockholders in banks of the State, has stirred up those interested in the matter. We are for an equalization of taxation—requiring each and every class of property to bear its portion of the burdens of the State according to value, and it seems that this is a move in that direction.

Thomas E. Jenkins, of Kentucky, has been appointed a Commissioner to the Paris Exposition.

Three Score and Ten.
Dr. L. P. Vandell, Sr., one of the most prominent physicians in Kentucky, died in Louisville last week, aged 70 years.

The Lexington Gazette is ninety-one years old, and they have a file of all its issues except about six months of the first.

Mayor Well, of Paducah, has been accused for disturbing the peace. Wonder if Wallace Gracie will know over that news?

P. B. Hunt, of Kentucky, has been appointed to the Knox and Comanche Agency, Indian Territory.

Frank Millard, of Kentucky, has been appointed as one of the Honorary Commissioners to the Paris Exposition.

Mr. Jesse Moore, ex-Pastor of Owensboro, died at his home in Davies county near Sorghosons, on the 1st inst., of paralysis.

The Breckenridge News has been considerably enlarged and very much improved in every respect. T. S. Givens, is editor and publisher.

The revenue officers here had a regular fight with the "moonshiners" in Callaway. The latter getting the worst of it. It is supposed that they have retreated into Tennessee.

In the contested election in Congress, from the Fourth California District, Wigginton (Dem.), was awarded the seat last Thursday by a strict party vote.

Judge Theo. H. Hines.
This distinguished gentleman and prominent candidate for the Appellate Judgeship, is in town, a guest of the Hartford House. Judge Hines is a native of this county—having been born and reared almost to manhood at Hines' Mills. Gifted by nature with a well-balanced practical mind, he has by strict application and indomitable energy, attained a very high position in his profession—one that any lawyer in Kentucky might well feel proud of. He acts and surely merits a consideration of his aspirations to this important position by the voters of his old native county.

The Moffett Pencil.
This pencil that has brought to old Virginia a Revenue of \$200,000 last year is attracting considerable attention just now. "It is about the size and shape of a cigar box, on one side of which is a small crank and on the other six small dials. The first one of these dials registers ten drinks in completing a circuit the next one hundred, the next one thousand, and so on up to one million. Every time a drink is taken the crank must be turned and a bell strikes one. The bill introduced by Senator Gardner to place the Register in operation in Kentucky, and devote the proceeds thereof to the improvement of the Kentucky river navigation, is meeting with considerable favor.

Our State Finances.
We clip the following from the Auditor's Report, which shows our State to be in a very healthy condition, financially, notwithstanding the bankruptcy times:

The whole amount of our indebtedness, exclusive of the school debt, which is a perpetual and irredeemable loan, except the accruing interest thereon—is \$183,394, of which bonds due and not due, and cannot be now bought at any reasonable price. To pay this amount we have on deposit in the Bank of America, in New York, the fiscal agent of the United States, 220 United States 5-20 gold-bearing bonds worth not less than \$246,000; 406 shares of stock in the Bank of Louisville worth \$32,480; and stock in various turnpike roads estimated to be worth \$506,267.42, aggregating \$784,747.42.

Congress must succumb now. Beaver Dam has it as one man ("we are seven"), and demanded the consigning of national banks to the demerit bow-wow, the making of greenbacks a legal tender for all debts, public and private, and the reorganization of silver. B. D. (unhappy initials I) is in Ohio county, and denies relationship with Louisville's B. D.—Courier-Journal.

The Hartford Herald's tobacco fair was as big as a warehouse. The premiums were paid in gold, and Col. Nail duplicated them with paper—the Farmers' Home Journal. It appears that Barrett is a gold bug and Nail a greenbacker.—Courier-Journal.

Quite a sprinkling of counterfeit notes, some of them of the denomination of five dollars, have been attempted to be put in circulation in this section recently on the Aurora and Paxton banks of Illinois. They are said to be well executed, and in some instances well calculated to deceive.—Western Recorder.

"Am I a vessel or a poet?" asked old man Wells, of the Returning Board, some time since. It "pears as though he's a peer and must 'pear before a jury of his peers and stand a trial like other grand rascals.—Lincoln (Ills.) Times.

Henry M. Stevens died on Monday last, in the neighborhood of Rosine, of pneumonia.

The Corn and Tobacco Fair at Hartford.

(From the Farmers' Home Journal.)

Hartford, Ky., Feb. 1.—Today being appointed by the enterprising proprietor of the Hartford Herald, for the award of \$105 in gold to the former patron of this paper, a large number of samples of corn and tobacco were brought to the courthouse by the proud producers of these staple crops. Something near two hundred samples were entered for the different prizes offered. The number of entries would have perhaps been more than doubled, had not the miserable state of the country made it almost impossible to travel over them. This kept many from the remote parts of the county and adjoining counties from attending with their samples. The exhibition was pronounced a success by every one, and especially as to the quality of the samples of both corn and tobacco.

I have never seen at any of the fairs in this State so many entries of either staple, and certainly in the corn raising counties never saw a display of corn in as great variety, or better in quality. The display of this important product today reflects Ohio county as well as a monetary reputation, and "King Tobacco," no matter how well represented today, had every inch contested by the best productions of the county and adjoining counties from attending with their samples. The exhibition was pronounced a success by every one, and especially as to the quality of the samples of both corn and tobacco.

All now repaired to the court-house, where Col. Barrett, from the rear of the building, read the names of the fortunate ones. The scene was quite interesting, and the best of feeling existed. The calling of a familiar name was sure to cause the applause of his neighbors as he walked within the bar and received his gold piece at the hand of the genial friend of the people.

A copy of the Farmers' Home Journal was given free for one year to each one taking a first and six months to each one taking a second prize. I shall endeavor to make this equal, if possible, the value of the more substantial prizes given by Mr. Barrett. All of the contestants were required to have been subscribers of the Herald before the 1st of Aug. 1877, to entitle them to the right of entry, and as the premiums were announced a year ago, many of the contestants had been subscribers for some time, and had improved the best modes of cultivation, etc. There is no estimating the amount of good that has been thus done for this section by the Herald and its enterprising editor. The people seem to appreciate his efforts, and the time will soon come when the family that does not take this valuable home paper will hardly be found in a day's ride.

Notwithstanding the unfavorable weather several visitors from a distance attended the fair, among whom were several tobacco buyers. Mr. W. H. Webb, of the Pinkett Warehouse, Louisville, was present and rendered valuable service as a member of the Committee of Award. He says that the tobacco exhibited was splendid, and will certainly tend to raise the standard of Ohio county tobacco in the markets. The cutting leaf was the best of its class, and shows that the soil in portions of this county is well adapted to the production of this kind of tobacco. The manufacturing leaf ranks lowest, but was by no means inferior.

This county is well adapted to the growing crops. This day will sufficiently advertise it for two great staples and its crops of wheat, oats and grasses are known to be good; live stock of all kinds do well on the ranges; the soil is underlaid with rich beds of iron and coal; lands are cheap and taxes for all purposes amount to about sixty cents on the hundred dollars; the general society is good, and order is easily maintained.

I. B. N.

Our Trip Out.

[Farmers' Home Journal.]
On last Thursday morning "before the break of day," the agents of the "bus line" landed us, satel in hand at the depot of the L. & N. R. R., where we took passage to attend the Hartford Fair, an account of which will be found elsewhere. There are two railroads leading to the county in which Hartford is situated, and unfortunately for such a large number of the benefits of competition, one comes from the other end, and you can no more go through by one than you can return by the other. Still, the convenience of the Hartford region rendered Alfred by the great snow fall of the night before, we obeyed the instructions to "change cars" at Ceilian Junction, and then seemed to slide into a land of lot and lighter snows. There is not much beauty in an ordinary landscape when covered by snow, unless you can stretch the imagination to a greater length than a newspaper man can ever give. The splendid panorama at East View, given the coup d'oeil of the passenger as he whirled rapidly by, yields more pleasure than does the fine scenery of Mt. Vernon's Hill, where the tall and slender trees give one a sort of sea-sick consciousness of being suspended between heaven and earth, and just a little out of reach of either.

The stretch at East View is beautiful, and we never pass it without being reminded of old Joshua's index of the prairies. Not the old old Joshua who held his back and died in the job of a mercenary slaying, but old negro Joshua, who went with his master from the then woody country of Kentucky to the prairies of Missouri, and donated a letter to the Hartford Fair, where he was "every body in Kentucky to sell out," says he, "and come to Missouri, for you can stand on one hill here and see more land than there is in all Kentucky."

But there is one on this same old Joshua. In the town of Hartford many years ago, Joshua held the responsible office of sexton of the Methodist church, and during a revival carried on by the Rev. Mr. Newkirk, he so far partook of the prevailing emotion as to forget himself. Quitting the corner seat for or for cold folks, he mingled freely among the happy hosts. But the spirit that moved Joshua being not altogether of the orthodox kind, grew restless under the influence of the red-hot stove and "would not down." What came to the surface created a suspicion that Joshua was not what, in this generation, we call a "Murphy." So two deacons escorted him to the outside where he was dismissed from his office. Now, he took more of the same spirit, and told next day that an apology was due the minister, whom he met on the street. "Mr. Newkirk," he said, "I apologize for last

night, but the fact is I had the dandruff spots over a number of years, and it is needless to say the good parson retained and old Joshua went his way.

The road bed of the P. & E. R. R. seems to be in excellent condition and the management does not give room for complaint. Everything goes on smoothly, and both officers and men are gentlemanly and polite. Reaching Ohio county, we strike the Western Kentucky coal fields. A great many mines are now opened and being worked in this and the counties below. The owners of these express much surprise that the Commissioner of Agriculture of Kentucky should so overlook their importance as to include in his report, lately issued, such erroneous statements as these and these. The report mentions their coal, and goes on to say that except for a little fuel used in Hartford, no use is made of it. They very justly feel aggrieved that the then Commissioner should have done so, and now they are told by the P. & E. R. road, both east and west should be overlooked by a State officer. Some of them say that if the report is as more correct in the description of other things, it values a public document is questionable. However this may be, the good people of Louisville will continue to receive their Kentucky coal, report or no report.

Tobacco Letter.

As requested by you I here state my opinion of the tobacco at your fair as compared with your last year's exhibition. There was indeed a vast improvement in the samples, with regard to quality and general character. There is not the least doubt but that your farmers know how to make tobacco. A few words with regard to the handling and curing of the different grades, such as cutting, manufacturing and steaming, may be of use to them hereafter, and such knowledge may prove profitable to those who follow it up. The only cutting tobacco raised in the Green River country is called New York or English cutting tobacco, being a coarser grade of cutting as compared with the Kentucky new grade, and is somewhat entirely firing a notice in altogether for the use it is put to. Manufacturing tobacco is in two classes, wrapping and filling, the first being rich, heavy-bodied, of good size and leaf and cured by fire to toughen the leaf and give it a face of gloss. The latter being good medium-sized, sweet red leaf with substance. There ought to have been a class in that grade at your fair, as there were a good many samples of extra fine fillers shown. Steaming or shipping leaf is the principal growth of your county. Tobacco, so entirely suitable for steaming, should have length and breadth of leaf, with color and substance combined, and air-cured, but a little dark heart in it. The different grades of shipping leaf for foreign purposes should have length, breadth, width and substance; color is no object. A little fire to enable them to keep, when ordered for packing 'kelpitis class. I trust your farmers will improve as much in the culture of tobacco in the future as in the past year. Very respectfully,

Princeton, Ky. David Ona.

THE HARTFORD ACADEMY.

The next session of this school will commence on

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MALCOLM MCINTYRE, A. B.,

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Junior Department.....12 00

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A Large Shipment.

On Tuesday of last week, Mr. J. L. Collins, of this place, shipped 60,000 staves from McNary's, seven miles west of Greenville, on the P. & E. R. R., to Chesapeake and Wyand, Louisville, Ky.

Do You Want to be Sued?

If not, and you are indebted to Mendel & Kahn, of Cromwell, you had better call on I. Mendel and settle up at once, or you certainly will be sued, as the firm has been dissolved and the business must be closed.

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